

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 179

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. James Jackson Mooney of Johnson City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. James Jackson Mooney; and

WHEREAS, known to many as "Jack," Dr. Mooney was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on June 20, 1939, Dr. Jack Mooney was the son of Charles Mooney and Johnnie Edith Mooney; as a boy, he enjoyed running track, photography, and writing for the school newspaper; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Taneytown High School in Maryland in 1957, Jack Mooney married and then joined the U.S. Air Force; he was stationed in Ramstein, Germany, and his duties took him all over Europe; and

WHEREAS, upon returning stateside, Mr. Mooney enrolled at the University of Georgia, where he earned a Bachelor of Journalism degree and a master's degree; he thereafter received his Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Jack Mooney's illustrious career in journalism saw him working in television and for newspapers in Georgia, Maryland, and Germany; he also served as a professor of journalism at East Tennessee State University for forty years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his contributions to journalism education in East Tennessee, Dr. Mooney authored a book of the history of the International Printing Pressman and Assistants' Union of North America; and

WHEREAS, a man of devout faith, Dr. Jack Mooney was a member of Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church, where he served as a Sunday School teacher and an elder for many years; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mooney will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by his wife of fifty-five years, Patricia Mooney; his daughter, Jennifer Mooney (Eric) Campbell; his brothers, Neil (Jane) Mooney and John (Deborah) Mooney; and his grandchildren, Evan and Anna Grace; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Mooney; and

WHEREAS, Jack Mooney leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. James Jackson Mooney, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Mooney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.